



Family Homelessness and Housing Instability

How housing is essential to helping families and communities achieve their potential.

Housing is a Key Driver of Stability



Housing is a Key Driver of Economic Mobility and Prosperity



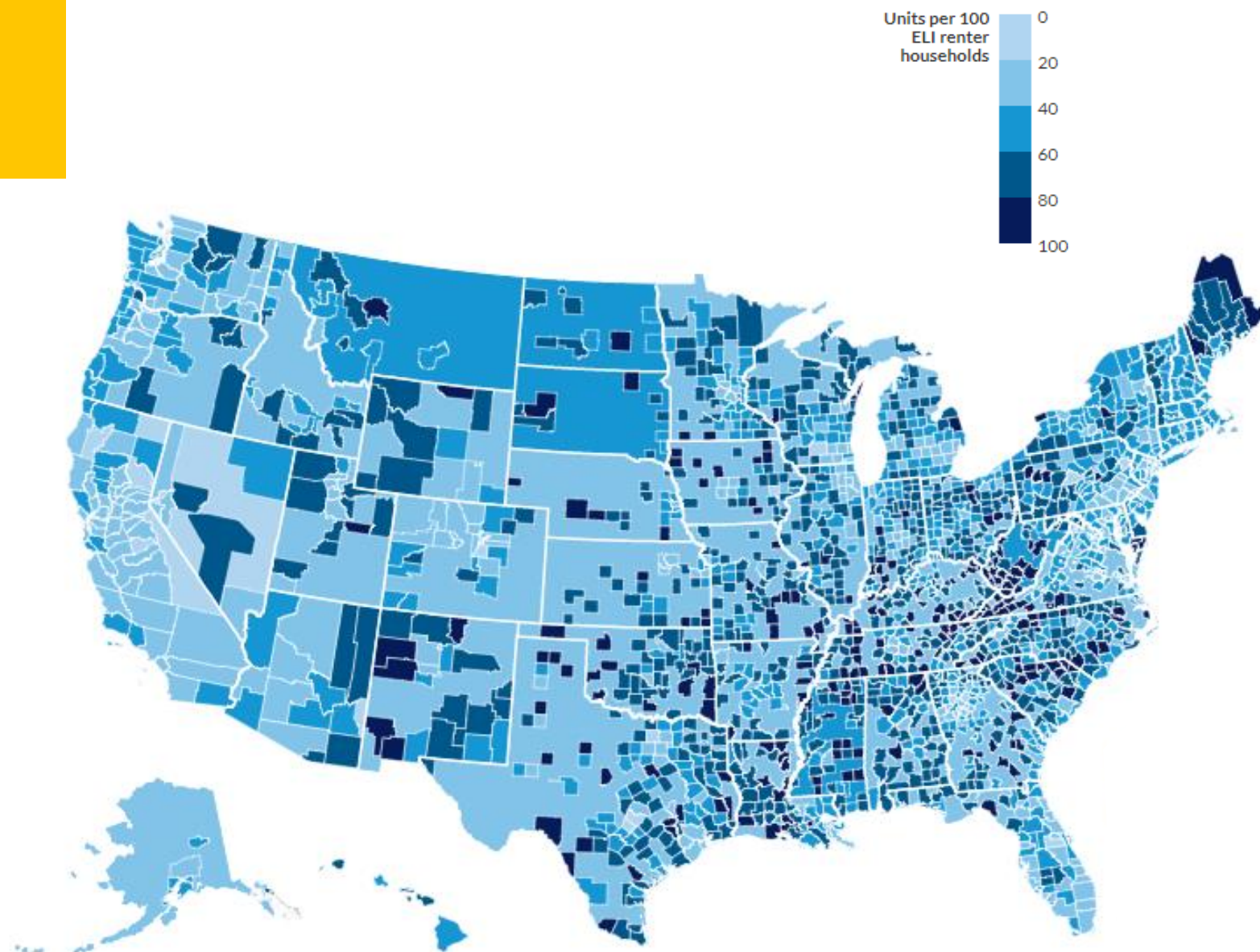
Housing Matters



Not Enough Affordable Rental Housing Units

Mapping America's Rental Housing Crisis

Many households struggle to afford a decent, safe place to live. Since 2000, rents have risen while the number of renters needing affordable housing has increased. These two pressures make finding affordable housing even tougher for America's poorest households.



Goals Matter

Responders

Homeless System

Emergency Room

**Affordable housing
Homelessness and
Eviction Prevention**

**Healthcare
System**

Understanding the Scale of Homelessness and Housing Instability

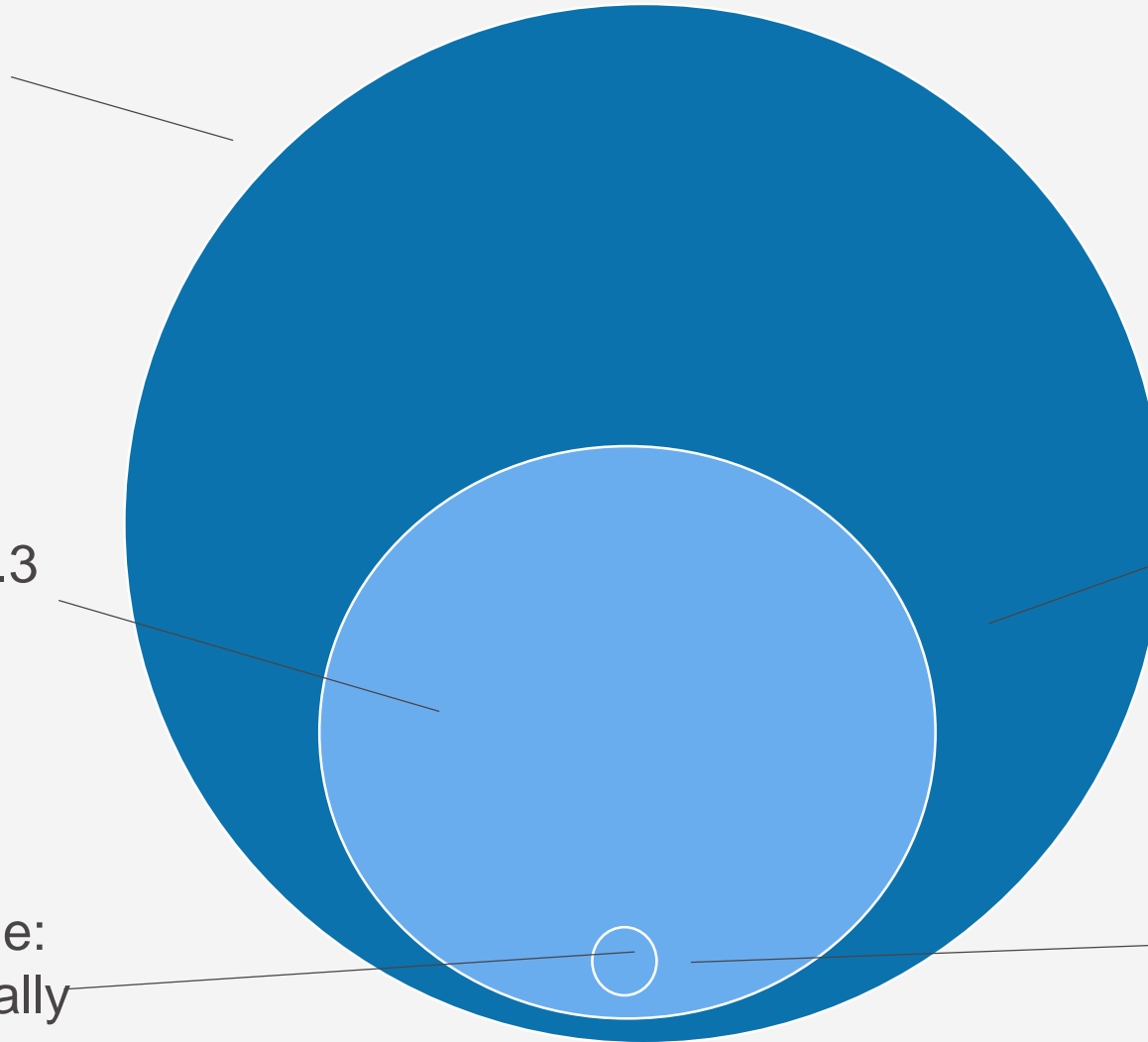
Poverty: 48.2 Million
People Annually

People At-Risk of
Homelessness: 23.3
Million Annually

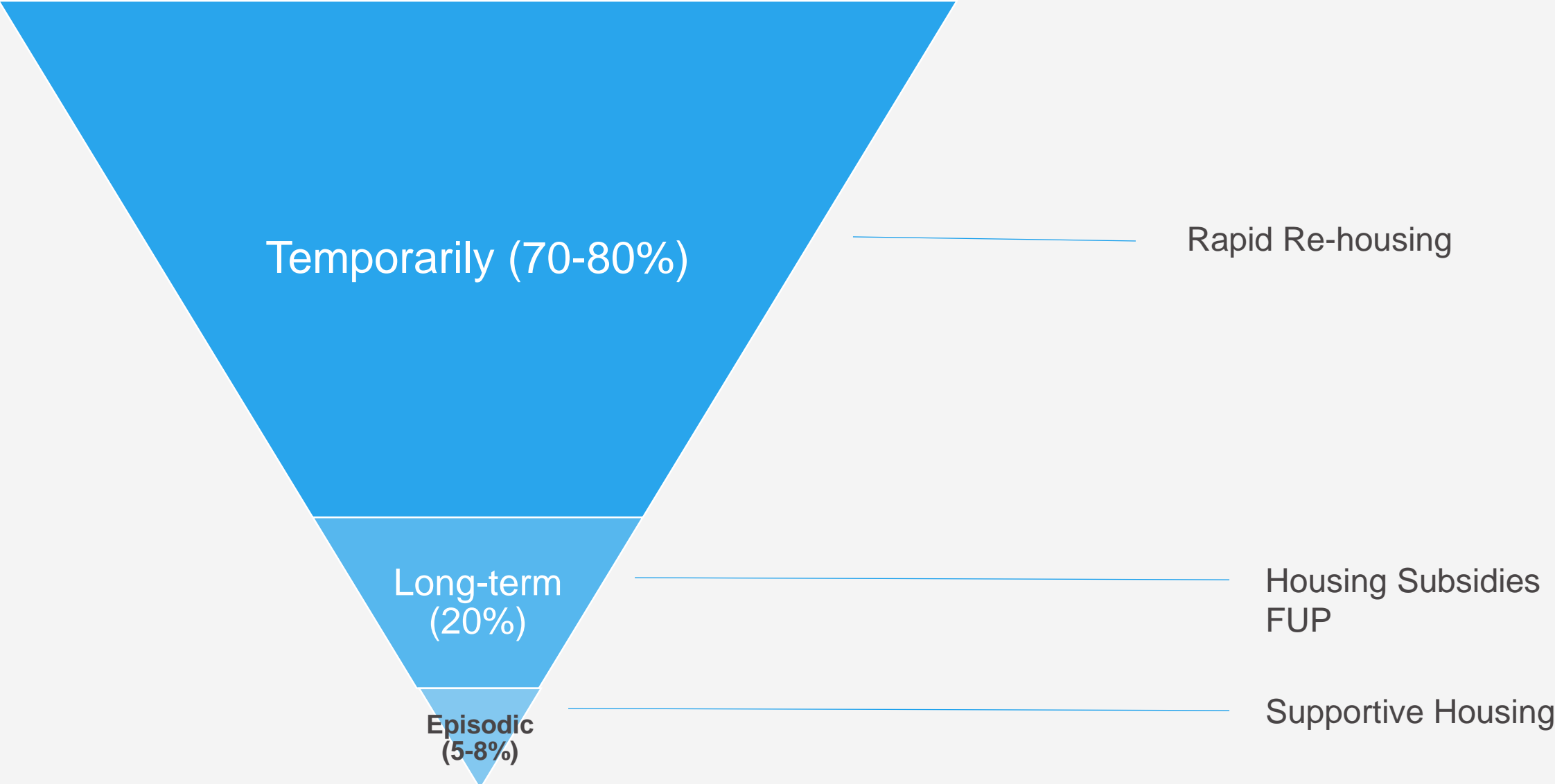
Homeless People:
1.5 Million Annually

**Affordable
housing
Homelessness
and Eviction
Prevention**

**Crisis
response and
ongoing
supports, if
needed
Rapid Re-housing
Supportive
housing**



Crisis Response: Typology of Homeless Families

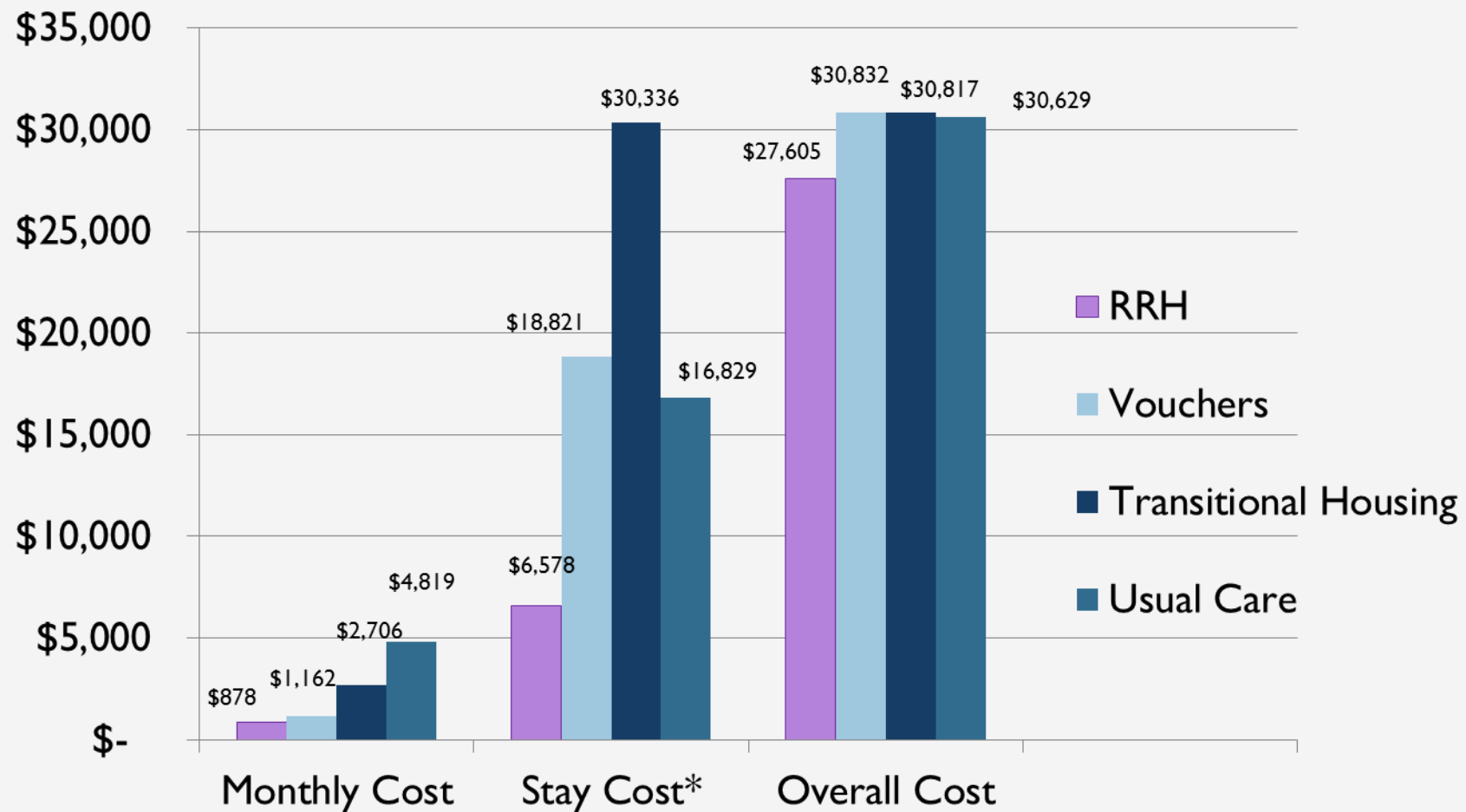


Rapid Re-Housing Increases rapid exits

Group	Length of Stay in Shelter
Family Options Study	
Assigned to RRH	3.2 months
Assigned to Usual Care	3.8 months
Assigned and did not access RRH	5.2 months
Assigned and did access RRH	2.0 months

Source: Family Options Study Short-Term Impacts of Housing and Services Interventions for Homeless Families, July 2015. Gubits et al.

Rapid Re-housing: Lower Cost



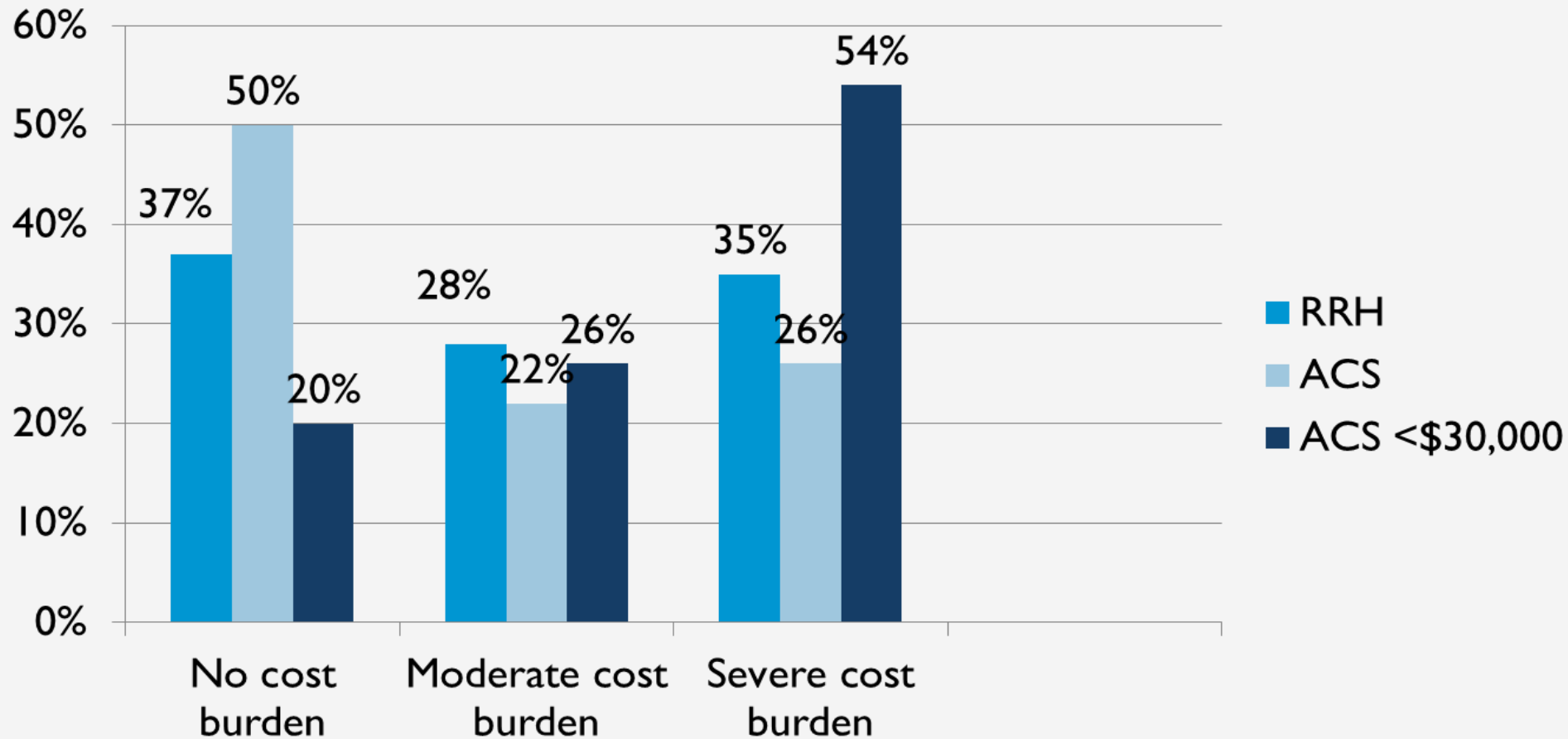
*Length of stays varied: RRH (7 months); voucher (16 months); PBTH (13 months); ES (4 months)

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Rapid Re-Housing Rates of return to shelter

	Returns to homelessness
Rapid Re-housing Demonstration	10 % of families (12 months after program exit)
SSVF*	7 % of families 12 % of individuals (12 months)
Family Options	23 % of treatment families (compared to 24 % of usual care) (6 months)
*return to VA homeless services	

Still Rent Burdened / Unstably housed



Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University. 2016. "The State of the Nation's Housing 2016." Cambridge, MA: Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University.

Finkel, M., Henry, M., Matthews, N., and Spellman, B. (2016). *Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Programs evaluation report Part II: Demonstration findings—Outcomes evaluation final report*. U.S.

Rapid Re-Housing Income

	Income
SSVF	Estimated Annual Income +\$1,116 (Program entry and exit monthly difference \$93)
Family Options	Annual Income + \$1,128 (compared to usual care at 18 month follow up) Voucher had a negative effect on work Transitional housing had no effect on income/work

Rapid Re-Housing is Effective Crisis Response

Summary of Rapid Re-housing Outcomes

- Successful in exiting shelter
- Exit shelter more rapidly
- Low rate of returns to shelter, but no difference compared to usual care
- Still rent burdened and housing unstable, but so are most poor families
- Modest income increase
- Lower cost compared to other interventions

Still Learning How to Improve RRH

Rapid Re-Housing in Tight Rental Markets

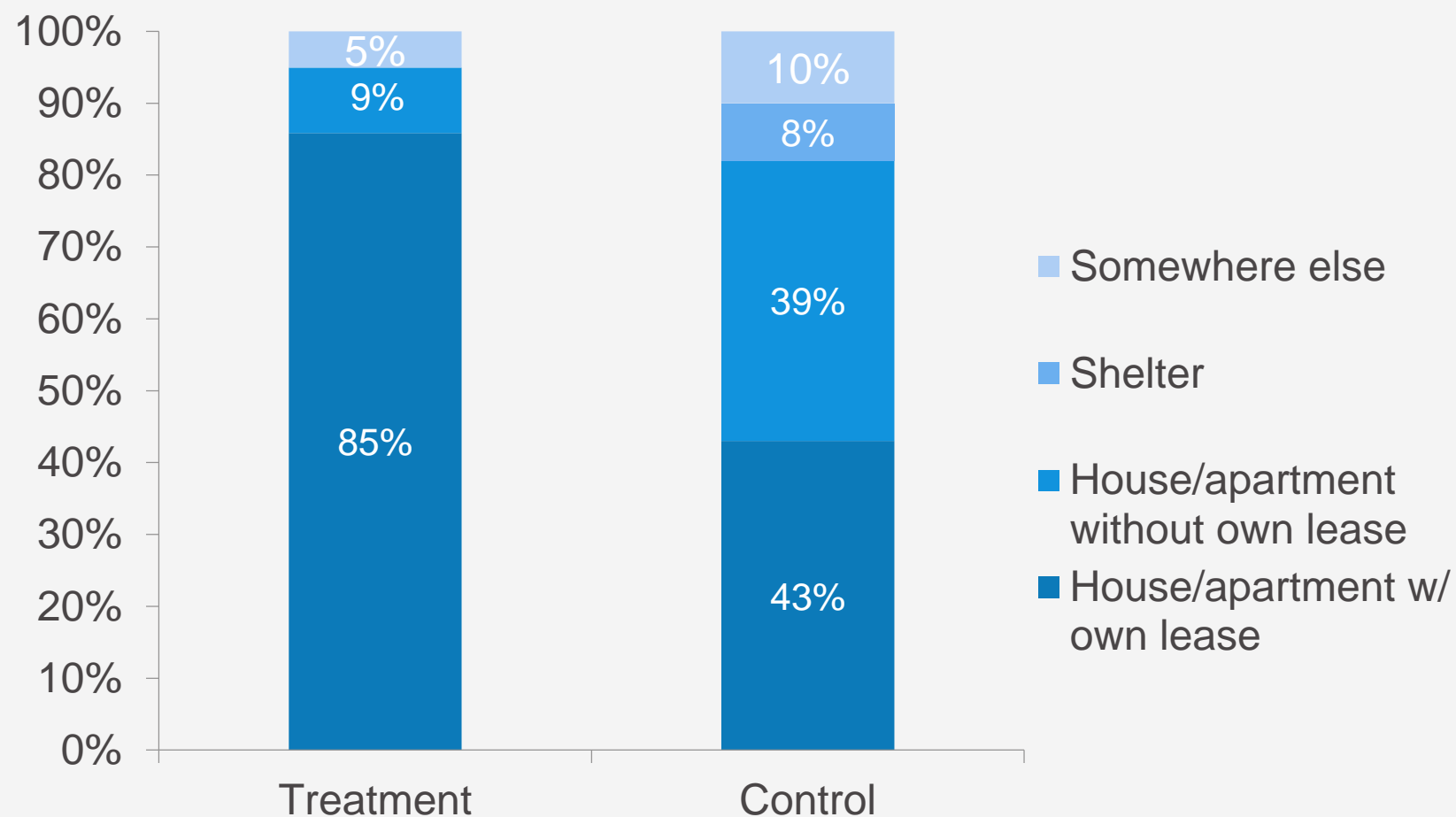
- Heavy housing search assistance and landlord recruitment
- Regional approaches
- Connections to ongoing services and support networks
- Links to broader housing system

Target Supportive Housing to Highest Need Families



Housing First For High Need Families

Supportive Housing for Child Welfare Families: Dramatic Housing Stability



Need More Housing Vouchers and Affordable Housing

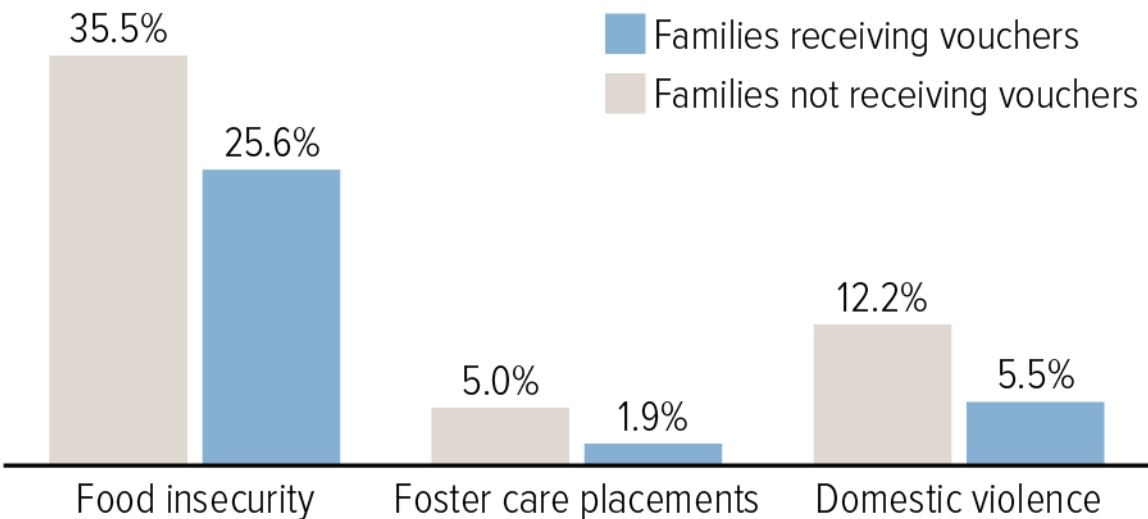


Housing Buys More Than Housing Stability

Helping Young Children Move Out of
Poverty by Creating a New Type of
Rental Voucher

<https://www.mobilitypartnership.org/>

Housing Vouchers Benefit Homeless Families with Children in Several Ways



Note: "Food insecurity" = family had difficulty affording adequate food, according to Agriculture Department criteria. "Foster care placement" = family had at least one child placed into foster care in past six months.
Source: Gubits *et al.*, "Family Options Study," Department of Housing and Urban Development

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